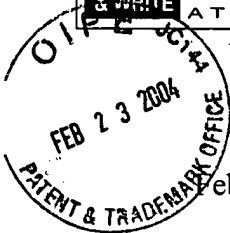


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Appl. No. *To be assigned*; Filed: December 31, 2003
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Inventors: HESCHMEYER, *et al.*
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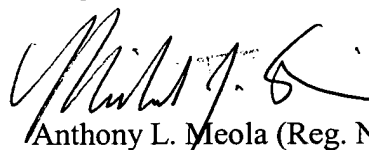
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1. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages); and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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Kindly enter the following amendment:

In the claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended):

A low-gluten wafer comprising:

about one part wheat starch,

about one part pre-gelatinized wheat starch, where the wheat starch and the pre-gelatinized wheat starch are combined to form a first substantially homogeneous mixture, and

about two parts water, where the water has a temperature of between about 100 degrees Fahrenheit and about 150 degrees Fahrenheit, said water added to said first substantially homogeneous mixture to create a substantially homogenous pre-cooked mixture, where between about 1/20th of a teaspoon to about 1/2 of the pre-cooked mixture ~~are~~ is heated to in a cooking environment having a temperature between about 250 degrees Fahrenheit to about 400 degrees Fahrenheit for between about 5 minutes to about 10 minutes.

Claim 2. (original):

The low-gluten wafer according to claim 1 wherein, the wafers, after heating, are cooled to about room temperature.